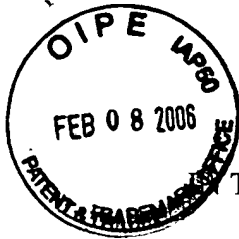


2-9-06



PATENT
137992

TRW
\$

THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Applicant: Igor Katsman et al. :
Serial Number: 10/659,144 : Group Art Unit: 3737
Filed: September 10, 2003 : Examiner: Jaworski, Francis J.
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS :
FOR EXPORTING ULTRASOUND :
DATA :

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL TO
THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS**

Express Mail mailing label number: EV 770037315 US

Date of Mailing: February 8, 2006

I certify that the documents listed below:

- Certificate of Express Mailing (1 pg.)
- Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal (2 pgs., *in duplicate*)
- Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement By Applicant listing (2) unattached US references, (2) attached foreign references, FA and FB and (1) attached non-patent reference, BA (2 pgs.)
- Return Post Card

are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated above in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Evan R. Sotiriou
Reg. No. 46,247
ARMSTRONG TEASDALE LLP
One Metropolitan Square, Suite 2600
St. Louis, MO 63102-2740
(314) 621-5070



PATENT
ATTY. DKT. NO.: 137992

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Igor Katsman et al. :
Serial No.: 10/659,144 : Art Unit: 3737
Filed: September 10, 2003 : Examiner: Jaworski, Francis J.
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS :
FOR EXPORTING :
ULTRASOUND DATA :

**SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following are submitted in the above application in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFR 1.98.

- ☒ 1. A list of documents on form PTO/SB/08A (Substitute for form 1449/PTO) together with copies of each identified document and a translation thereof or a concise explanation of each non-English language document or a Search Report or communication from a non-US patent office or an International Search Report from an International Searching Authority for a patent application filed via the Patent Cooperation Treaty or document(s) cited in the application or the priority application.

This paper is submitted in accordance with:

- ☐ 2. 37 CFR 1.97(b): [within three months of national, non-CPA filing, prior to first Office Action, on the merits, or prior to first office action after filing an RCE]
- ☐ 3. 37 CFR 1.97(c): [before Final Office Action, Allowance, or other action closing prosecution, whichever is earlier]; and
- ☐ a. The required Certification made in item 5 below; or
- ☐ b. The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 CFR 1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 6 below.

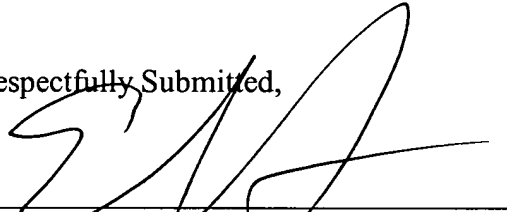
02/13/2006 BABRAHA1 00000030 070845 10659144

01 FC:1806 180.00 DA

- ☒ 4. 37 CFR 1.97(d): [on or before issue fee payment]; and
- ☐ a. The required Certification is stated in item 5 below; and
 - ☒ b. The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 6 below.
- ☐ 5. Certification
- ☐ a. Each item of information contained in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement; or
 - ☐ b. No item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application and, to the knowledge of the person signing this document after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing date of this Statement.
- ☒ 6. Payment of all applicable fees:
- ☒ Please charge all applicable fees associated with the submittal of this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 070845.
 - ☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____ in payment of all applicable fees associated with the submittal of this Information Disclosure Statement.

This document is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully Submitted,



Evan R. Sotiriou, Reg. No. 46, 247
Armstrong Teasdale LLP
One Metropolitan Square, Suite 2600
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
(314) 621-5070

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

**SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	2
-------	---	----	---

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/659,144
Filing Date	September 10, 2003
First Named Inventor	Igor Katsman
Art Unit	3737
Examiner Name	Jaworski, Francis J.
Attorney Docket Number	137992

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	FA	JP 2000 194836 A	07-14-2000	GE Yokogawa Med Systems		
	FB	JP 2000 259747 A	09-22-2000	Aloka Co. Ltd.		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	10/659,144
		Filing Date	September 10, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Igor Katsman
		Art Unit	3737
		Examiner Name	Jaworski, Francis J.
Sheet 2	of 2	Attorney Docket Number	137992

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
	BA	French Search Report; French Pat App No. 0409405, filed 06SEP2004, Applicant-GE Med Systems Global Tech Co, LLC, GE Dkt No. 15UL137992, Date: 09-15-05, 1 pg.	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.